GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:222
ANSWERED ON:30.11.2007
SETTING UP OF NEW POWER PROJECTS IN THE STATES
Dhindsa Shri Sukhdev Singh;Libra Shri Sukhdev Singh

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any request has been received from some State Governments, particularly from Punjab for setting up of Power Projects in their States during the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the time by which these requests are likely to be accorded sanction?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) to (c) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 222 TO BE ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 30.11.2007 REGARDING SETTING UP OF NEW POWER PROJECTS IN THE STATES.

(a) to (c) : With the enactment of the Electricity Act, 2003, the requirement of according Techno Economic Clearance by Central Electricity Authority (CEA) has been dispensed with for thermal generation. However, any generating company intending to set up a hydro generating station shall prepare and submit to the CEA for its concurrence, a scheme estimated to involve a capital expenditure exceeding such sum, as may be fixed by the Central Government from time to time.

The CEA has reported that, in respect of hydro projects, in the current year (2007-08), sixteen proposals have been received in CEA. Out of these, four have been returned, after preliminary scrutiny to project authorities for tying up of necessary inputs; six proposals are currently at preliminary scrutiny stage. The remaining six projects of 2007-08 and one case of 2006-07 were accepted for consideration by CEA for accord of concurrence. Out of these seven proposals, concurrence has already been accorded in respect of three proposals. Four proposals are pending with CEA. Two pertain to the State Sector and one each to the Central and Private Sector. The details are annexed. As may be seen from the Annex, no hydro project from Punjab is pending with CEA for according concurrence.

The Planning Commission has delegated full powers to the State Governments for approval of power projects (hydro and thermal power generation) without any ceiling. However, clearance from the Planning Commission is required in the case of those hydro electric projects where inter state issues are involved. The Planning Commission has intimated that no inter- state hydroelectric projects are pending with them for investment approval.